

MONTANA FISH, WILDLIFE & PARKS
INTERN PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

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DATE OF ANNOUNCEMENT: Friday, January 4, 2019

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Friday, March 1, 2019 at 5:00 PM (postmarked)

****STUDENTS MUST BE CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN A UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE****

POSITION TITLE: Wildlife Conservation Intern

OF POSITIONS: 1

LOCATION(S): Miles City

WORK START/END DATES: May 13 – August 9, 2019

HOURS/WEEK: ~40

TRAINING/ORIENTATION DATES: May 13, 2019

COMPENSATION (PAY, PER DIEM, HOUSING, VEHICLE, ETC):

\$11:00/hr plus per diem (meals) at state rates when in the field overnight. Holiday/weekend work will be required. There is no overtime for this position, paid holidays, or additional compensation for working on holidays or weekends. A state vehicle will likely be available and housing in the form of a travel trailer is available. Individuals may need to use personal vehicle for part of all of summer if state/federal vehicle not available. Interns would be compensated for mileage at current state rates. Duration of the job depends on funding.

POSITION DESCRIPTION:

The primary activity the Intern will be to mapping fence types, locations and distances in Rosebud & Garfield Counties to identify fences that constrict/act as barriers or limit wildlife (antelope & deer) migration/movement, especially during the winter. They will determine locations and types of potential fence modifications that would facilitate movement. The intern will also assist various region 7 staff and biologists in a variety of other tasks, including field and office work. This is an opportunity to gain experience in various field activities and learn field skills, including amphibian and reptile surveys, telemetry, avian surveys, and habitat work. The intern will be responsible for data entry, data management, and equipment maintenance. Intern will also be involved in various day to day activities and efforts of wildlife division staff in region 7. Work will primarily relate to game species but will include some non-game species as well.

This position is based out of Miles City, but will include travel throughout Rosebud and Garfield Counties

to complete fence mapping. As well as travel throughout southeastern Montana to assist biologists in various day to day activities and surveys. This position requires the ability to work independently and requires the social skills to interact with private landowners. Most work time will be spent in the field working in remote settings, often under extreme conditions. However, some office work will also be required.

SKILLS, ABILITIES, KNOWLEDGE NEEDED (EDUCATION; UNDERGRAD/GRAD LEVEL, SUGGESTED/REQUIRED MAJORS):

Intern should be enrolled in a bachelor's program, at an accredited university or college, related to natural resource management. Preference will be given to those specifically enrolled in a fish & wildlife management or wildlife biology program.

No prior field experience is required; however, it is preferred. Applicant must be willing to learn and retain new skills quickly. Map reading, orientation skills, experience using handheld GPS units, and GIS software are preferred. Applicant must be able to follow oral and written directions, be detail oriented, organized, and work well independently and as part of a team. Applicant must hold a valid driver's license and the ability to operate a 4-wheeled drive vehicle on backcountry roads and trails during inclement weather. The ability to effectively deal and relate to private landowners is a plus.

APPLICATION MATERIALS/PROCEDURES (RESUME, COVER LETTER, REFERENCES, ETC.):

Please provide a letter of interest, resume, copy of transcripts, and 3 references with phone numbers and email addresses, as one document titled with your name, to Emily Mitchell at emily.mitchell@mt.gov. The letter of interest should address why the applicant wants to work with Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks and this internship, as well as what skills they already possess that could add to this internship.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: (; HOUSING OF ANY KIND PROVIDED OR POSSIBLY I.E. TRAILER, FREE CAMP SPOT, BASEMENT APARTMENT, EXTRA SLEEPING ROOM, ETC.)

A trailer will be provided at a nearby RV campground in Miles City for housing. The campground will include full hook-ups (water, sewage and electric) and internet.